

HOUSE BILL NO. 499

INTRODUCED BY V. SMALL-EASTMAN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE MONTANA COAL BOARD TO EVALUATE IMPACTS FROM COAL HAULED ON MONTANA SECONDARY 384 AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL ROADS AND TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR PRESERVATION OF THE PAVEMENT ON THESE ROUTES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Montana coal board for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, \$1 million from the coal severance tax shared state special revenue account, provided for in 15-35-108(3), to evaluate the impact from coal hauling on the roads between the Absoloka mine and a future power plant northeast of Hardin, Montana, including Montana secondary 384 and various state and local roads, and to complete preliminary engineering for minor rehabilitation or thin lift overlay or other strategies needed to preserve the pavement on these routes.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2005.

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